

Eagle Nation

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School

A Note From Mr. Sedick

Greetings to all P.A.E. community members! It is so very difficult to believe, but the time of the year is upon us to wrap-up our educational program. I want to begin by saying that it has been a truly wonderful school year for me for a number of reasons. First, I have had the pleasure of coming to work and spending each day with the finest students in the city of Pontiac. I am reminded everyday that our students possess both the skills, as well as character that set them apart from other children. Having said that, I know that it would not be so if we didn't have such incredible parents to support us throughout the entire year. I would like to

extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our parents for the incredible support you've provided to us throughout the school year. Second, I would like to thank our incredible staff here at PAE for providing our children with the very finest education in the city of Pontiac. It takes a lot of commitment, endurance, teamwork and patience to do the job that our staff does, and it is evident why they are the most talented group the city of Pontiac has to offer. Finally I would like to thank our amazing students who come to school every day, follow the rules, complete their daily assignments, and do their very best to ensure that they

acquire the tools they need in order to be successful later in life. It is very difficult to truly convey the concept of "learning now to be successful later" to young people, in general. Fortunately, however, *our* students have grown accustomed to being held to a higher standard than most.

There are several reasons why our year has been such a success. Over the course of the summer months, I encourage everyone to slow down from the hectic pace that we all endure throughout the school year, and relax and enjoy the season with family and friends, and come back to us in September to make next school year even better!

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Upcoming Events

- June 8: Kindergarten Promotion at 10:00 at Life Worship Center
- June 8: 5th Grade Promotion at 1:00 at Life Worship Center
- June 9: (All held in 3rd floor cafeteria) 4th Grade Awards at 8:30; 3rd Grade Awards at 9:30; 1st Grade Awards at 12:30; 2nd Grade Awards at 1:30

PAE Crowns its Spelling Bee Champs!

Throughout the month of May, all 1st-5th grade students participated in the Pontiac Academy for Excellence Spelling Bee, which culminated on Friday, May 22 with the top 10 spellers from the 1st and 2nd grades, as well as the top 10

spellers from the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. PAE would like to congratulate all who participated for a job well done. In the 1st and 2nd grade spelling bee, 2nd grader Destiny Phillips took home 1st place, with 2nd grader Danya Hill tak-

ing 2nd, and 2nd grader Efen Munoz taking 3rd. In the 3rd-5th spelling bee, 5th grader Lashon Mays took 1st place, 3rd grader Cameron Clark took 2nd, and 4th grader Jacqueline Lopez took 3rd. All students did a great job!

Is Your Child Re-Enrolled Yet? TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Parents, this message is especially for you. As we approach the summer, it is very important that you collect your child(ren)'s re-enrollment forms from the elementary office, complete each form, and submit the packet back to the office in order to ensure your child's seat at Pontiac Academy for Excellence for the 2009-2010 school year. We are experiencing large number of new student applications from families who are wanting to join us here at PAE, and, as always, we want to keep our students here through the years so that they can have access to the

best educational experience possible. However, if you do not fill out a re-enrollment packet for each one of your returning students, there will be no guarantee that the child(ren) will have a seat at PAE for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information regarding re-enrollment, please either call or see Mr. Butler or Mrs. Caraballo in the Elementary Office. Mr. Butler can be reached at (248) 745-9420 ex. 1120. Mrs. Caraballo can be reached at (248) 745-9420 ex. 1100. Please return these forms as quickly as possible to lock up your child's seat for next year! Thanks!



Summer School Program

Parents of students who will be considered as mandatory participants in the 2009 Summer School program (July 13-August 13) at PAE should be on the lookout over the next few weeks for information about the Summer School program. This information will include the program dates, daily start and end times, information about breakfast and lunch, as well as the application, which **MUST** be completed and turned into the

elementary office for each child to be enrolled into our Summer School program.

Parents please note that students who are considered to be mandatory participants in Summer School must not



only attend the program in its entirety, but must also earn satisfactory grades, and adhere to the disciplinary policies set forth by the school in order to be recommended for grade promotion. Students failing to meet these criteria will be recommended for grade retention. Parents are responsible for signing-off on a grade level status form upon the completion of Summer School if the child is recommended for retention.

Promotions, Awards, Picnics!



As we move into our last few days of the school year, it is that time again for our annual promotions, awards, and elementary picnic. On Monday, June 8, our Kindergarten students will participate in their promotion ceremony at 10:00. Our 5th graders will participate in their promotion ceremony at 1:00. Both promotion ceremonies will be held at Life Worship and Training Center on Auburn Rd. On Tuesday, June 9, students in grades 1-4 will participate in

their grade level awards ceremonies to be held in the 3rd floor cafeteria at PAE. The 4th grade ceremony will take place at 8:30. The 3rd grade ceremony will begin at 9:30. The 1st graders will receive their awards at 12:30. Finally, the 2nd grade ceremony will begin at 1:30.

Lastly, our end-of-the-year elementary picnic will take place in the pick-up area in front of the school on Friday, June 12 at 11:00. Students will be treated with a hot dog, chips, and a drink outside to conclude another successful school year!